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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We are an internet customer in a small rural town in Northern California with a population of about 12,000. Please do not dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. It is important for the Internet services we receive from our competitive provider, Sonic, that the major network owners like AT&T, Verizon and others continue to provide access to their unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements for competitive use.

We rely heavily upon the competitive prices and services offered by Sonic to keep our vendor choices open. Sonic's provides us with a choice of both DSL and high speed, fiber services. Sonic's Internet based, home landline phone service, which is an integral part of their Internet service, provides key features which are not available from most other service providers.

One of these key features is virtual fax.

With this feature, a fax machine is not required for sending or receiving faxes. Fax communications are legally required for a patient's medical info exchange with doctors and hospitals. Faxes are also required for some investment authorization confirmation documents. These faxes are received as email attachments.

Another key Sonic feature is voicemail which is received as an email attachment.

This feature is necessary to receive messages from callers rather than to provide a busy signal when we are on the phone and the phone's answering machine feature is then not operative.

Please continue maintain the of the language of the 1996 Telecommunications Act which provides access to competitors, such as our provider Sonic, to the unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements of AT&T, Verizon and others.

Thank you for considering our input and concerns.

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